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In re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2813  
TSUGANE et al. )  
Serial No. 09/759,915 ) Examiner: Nguyen, Tuan H.  
Filed: January 13, 2001 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS )  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME )

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2002, the response being due by April 12, 2002 by the enclosed petition for extension of time, please enter and consider the following.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, claims 1-4 and 15-16, drawn to methods.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to any fees under 37 CFR 1.6 and 1.7, which are necessary for consideration of this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-0585. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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